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**ASIA-PACIFIC DISEASE OUTBREAK
/SURVEILLANCE REPORT**

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BANGLADESH

Dengue Fever Cases Rise in Bangladesh

Bangladesh has reported 19 new cases of dengue fever. All of the infected have been admitted to various hospitals and clinics in Dhaka. The government is working to control the spread of the disease. Officials are visiting the residences of newly infected patients to spray and fog areas around their houses.

Source:

· The Daily Star, Oct 07, 2005, <http://www.thedailystar.net/2005/10/07/d51007012316.htm>

INDIA

Cholera Outbreak in Indian Tribe

About 30 people from the Baiga tribe, located in central India, have died from a cholera outbreak, while many others are suffering from the disease. A doctor has stated that the outbreak is due to contaminated water and food. The tribe members eat old food and drink any available water. The tribe has been continuously dealing with other disease outbreaks such as cholera, malaria, gastroenteritis, diarrhea and jaundice. Medical teams have been working in the village to control the outbreak.

Source:

· Pro-MED-mail, Oct 01, 2005,

http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1010,30552

India's Encephalitis Toll Rises

The number of Japanese encephalitis fatalities in India has increased by 25, raising the death toll close to 1,000 this year [2005]. Over 90% of the deaths have been in the state of Uttar Pradesh. About 4,500 people are currently receiving medical treatment in

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hospitals around the country. Doctors expect the rate of infections to decrease as the monsoon season ends. Doctors have suggested that if the country can not afford to vaccinate all children, the government should begin vaccinating pigs that spread the disease.

Source:

- WebIndia123.com, Oct 02, 2005, <http://news.webindia123.com/news/showdetails.asp?id=127078&cat=Health>
- The Mercury News, Oct 02, 2005, http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/12798754.htm

INDONESIA

Indonesia Continues to Face Avian Influenza Outbreak

Indonesia has declared that the country is facing a major avian influenza outbreak. Indonesian health officials report that six deaths have been linked to avian influenza, although Hong Kong laboratories have only confirmed four. The latest victim is a 23-year-old man who was a bird breeder. About 85 people are currently suspected to be infected with the disease. People with symptoms of avian influenza have been ordered by the government to seek medical treatment at hospitals.

Source:

- ProMED-mail, Oct 04, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1000.30573
- ProMED-mail, Oct 05, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1000.30576
- China View, Oct 05, 2005, http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2005-10/05/content_3584701.htm
- The Jakarta Post, Oct 06, 2005, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/detailatestnews.asp?fileid=20051005155211&iirc=7>

Polio in Indonesia

Eleven polio cases have been reported in Indonesia. The total number of cases in 2005 has increased to 251. The majority of the new cases are from Lampung (Sumatra) and Central Java provinces, which were not part of the vaccination campaigns held in May and June this year [2005]. The third round of the country's polio vaccination campaign has been scheduled for November. The government wants to target as many children as possible under the age of five. Indonesia has a goal of being polio-free by 2008.

Source:

- ProMED-mail, Sep 30, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1010.30539
- The World Health Organization, Sep 30, 2005, http://www.who.int/csr/don/2005_09_30/en/index.html
- The Jakarta Post, Oct 06, 2005, <http://www.thejakartapost.com/detailatestnews.asp?fileid=20051005182023&iirc=3>

JAPAN

First West Nile Case in Japan

Japan has reported its first case of West Nile virus. It is suspected that the victim, a man in his 30s, was infected while traveling in the United States from 28 August to 4 September [2005]. He said that he was bitten by a mosquito while he was on his trip.

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After returning to Japan, the man had various symptoms including fever, rash and headaches and received medical attention at a hospital in Kanagawa prefecture (close to Tokyo). The man has now recovered from his symptoms.

Source:

· Mainichi Daily News, Oct 03, 2005, <http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/national/news/20051003p2a00m0na020000c.html>
· ProMED-mail, Oct 03, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1000.30574

MALAYSIA

Malaysia Declares Dengue Crisis

Malaysia has reported that 28,592 people are infected with dengue fever and 73 have died from the disease. The Health Ministry stated that the epidemic is at its peak and might last several weeks. There have been over 1,000 hospitalizations in the past few days. Health Ministry officers from various states have been working to search and destroy mosquito-breeding areas. Medical groups are working to educate citizens about keeping their living conditions sanitary and clean. Malaysia was the last country in Southeast Asia to declare a state of dengue emergency.

Source:

· The New Strait Times, Oct 01, 2005, http://www.nst.com.my/Current_News/NST/Sunday/National/20051002084137/Article/indexb.html
· Times Online, Oct 02, 2005, <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2100-1804692,00.html>
· Adnkronos International, Oct 06, 2005, http://www.adnki.com/index_2Level.php?cat=Security&loid=8.0.215931004&par=0

MYANMAR

Influenza Outbreak in Myanmar Prison

A prison located in southern Myanmar has reported an influenza outbreak. One inmate is receiving medical attention at a local hospital and is in serious condition. The prison is facing a medicine shortage.

Source:

· Democratic Voice of Burma, Oct 06, 2005, <http://english.dvb.no/news.php?id=5690>

More Inmates Die From Cholera in Myanmar Prison

Since last week, more than 40 inmates in a central Myanmar prison died due to a cholera outbreak. The prisoners were fed a worm-eaten bean curry by a prison official, which is most likely the cause of the outbreak.

Source:

· ProMED-mail, Oct 01, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1010.30552

PHILIPPINES

Diarrhea and Cholera Outbreak in the Philippines

The Center for Health Development in the Philippines has reported that diarrhea has

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killed about 30 people since the beginning of August [2005] in the Catanduanes and Camarines Sur provinces (central regions). Over 450 cases of diarrhea have been recorded. Cholera has affected over 180 people and killed five people in Catanduanes. The number of cholera cases in other areas is unknown. The provinces are facing a shortage of public-health doctors. Water sources are being investigated and medical teams are distributing medicines.

Source:

- ProMED-mail, Oct 01, 2005, http://www.promedmail.org/pls/askus/f?p=2400:1001:1329283286113977926::NO::F2400_P1001_BACK_PAGE,F2400_P1001_PUB_MAIL_ID:1010,30552
- MQ7.net, Oct 01, 2005, http://news.ing7.net/regions/index.php?index=1&story_id=51993
- China View, Oct 01, 2005, http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2005-10/01/content_3572122.htm
- INQ7.net, Oct 05, 2005, http://news.ing7.net/regions/index.php?index=1&story_id=52427
- The Manila Times, Oct 07, 2005, <http://www.manilatimes.net/national/2005/oct/07/yehey/prov/20051007pro1.html>

THAILAND

Thailand Controlling Dengue Fever

Although neighboring countries have been dealing with epidemics of dengue fever, Thailand has been working to control the spread of the disease. Since the end of September [2005], 32,000 cases have been reported in the country, with 50 fatalities. Communities are working together to destroy larvae and mosquito-breeding grounds.

Source:

- MCOT.org, Oct 07, 2005, <http://etna.mcot.net/query.php?nid=3514>

VIETNAM

Dengue Death Toll in Vietnam Increasing

In southern Vietnam, 28 people have died of dengue fever this year [2005]. Over 20,000 people in the southern Mekong Delta have been infected with dengue. Chemicals have been distributed to residents, who have been asked to kill mosquitoes and larvae. For the past two years, the number of cases in Vietnam has been steadily increasing. Most of the reported cases have been from the southern part of the country.

Source:

- China View, Oct 04, 2005, http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2005-10/04/content_3581302.htm

Other World News

PAKISTAN

Pakistan Begins Tuberculosis Campaign

A three-year tuberculosis campaign, sponsored by the EU's 'Aid for Poverty-Related Diseases' initiative, has begun in two southern Pakistan provinces. The program is run by the country's National Tuberculosis Control Program and NGO Mercy Corps. The goal is to strengthen patient treatment facilities and TB detection. A total of 13

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provinces have been targeted for the drive. Over 1.5 million people are infected with TB in Pakistan, with 250,000 annual cases. The disease is common in Pakistan as poverty, densely populated urban areas, malnourishment and HIV infections are major problems.

Source:

· Reuters AlertNet, Oct 06, 2005, <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/IRIN/b42e0dd29421122f376f6d96086f422e.htm>

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